

## Minutes

April 6, 2011

Cedar Falls, IA

### Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened at the Cedar Falls Community Center. Commission Chair, Daniel Ernst, called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM.

### Roll Call

#### Members Present

Daniel Ernst, Chair  
Nancy Nichols  
Judy Bevers  
Ken Petersen  
Dava James (5:54)  
Ralph Wolf  
Linda Larkin (Teleconference)

#### Members Absent

Sen. Dotzler\*  
Sen. Johnson\*  
Rep. Gaskill\*  
Rep. Pettengill\*

The arrival times of members who entered after roll call are noted.

\*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

**Others Present:** Available on hardcopy.

### Agenda

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Petersen, and a second by Commissioner Wolf to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

### Minutes

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Bevers, and a second by Commissioner Nichols to approve the minutes of February 18, 2011. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

### Director/Legislative Update

Director Harvey's update to the Commission included the appropriations bill, details of House File 45, conference calls with the area agencies, staff layoffs, upcoming meetings, and the recent Des Moines Register articles and their Open Records request.

### Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Update

Jeanne Yordi, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), updated the commission on a recent visit with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Annual State Long-Term Care Ombudsman National Training Conference in Kansas City, the annual report, legislation, and introduced Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Carol DeBoom.

**Area Agency on Aging Presentations**

Presentations were provided to the commission by:

- Bruce Butters, Director, NorthLand Area Agency on Aging
- Mike Isaacson, Director, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging
- Linda McDonald, Scenic Valley Area Agency on Aging

**Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff**

It was determined through a survey sent to the commissioners prior to today's meeting that June 23 was the best date to hold the next regular meeting in the Ottumwa area.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Wolf, and a second by Commissioner James to approve the next regular commission meeting be held June 23 in the Ottumwa area. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Proposed meeting locations for the remainder of 2011 were discussed. Following the June meeting in the Ottumwa area there will be meetings in the Council Bluffs, Mason City, and Cedar Rapids areas.

Director Harvey presented a draft agenda for the informational meeting being prepared for May 5 regarding House File 45. Discussion was held.

Recognition and comments of appreciation were given to the two outgoing Commissioners Nancy Nichols and Dava James.

**Public Comment**

Shirley Mae Patchin, resident advocate at Black Hawk County Home, thanked Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Carol DeBoom for her help and also thanked State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Jeanne Yordi. She thanked the commission for meeting in Cedar Falls. Ms. Patchin voiced her concern of whether or not Iowa would continue to have resident advocates. She does not want to lose advocates and their volunteer jobs.

Betty Fitkin, resident advocate, asked that we keep resident advocates, protect the rights of our citizens that are living in nursing homes and keep them safe. Resident advocates are able to go in and visit with people.

Director Harvey talked about looking at what other states were doing and looking at a possible volunteer ombudsman program for the future. Discussion was held.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Petersen moved, Commissioner Nichols seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

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Chair

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Date

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Recording Secretary

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